



MEDIA RELEASE

Vehicle Over The Side

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At 15:41 hours this date, Santa Barbara City Fire, Montecito Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire, US Forest Service and AMR ambulance responded to a vehicle over the side at 2900 Gibraltar Road.

When fire units arrived on scene, a single vehicle was found approximately 200 feet over the side. SBFD Engine 7 crew members rappelled down to the patient where they found a 17-year old victim complaining of neck and back pain along with probable dehydration.

The accident occurred last night and the victim spent the night near the vehicle. The patient's father found his son using his son's iPhone tracking device. The father initiated the 911 call to the Santa Barbara City 911 dispatch center.

The patient was found by providers approximately 150 feet from the vehicle after he attempted to walk out sometime during the night.

The patient was stabilized by SBFD Firefighters and Montecito Firefighter/Paramedics. Due to the nature of the injuries and the inaccessible terrain, Santa Barbara County Fire Helicopter 309 was requested for a hoist operation. The patient was successfully hoisted into the helicopter, treated by County Fire Paramedics and was transported by air to Cottage Trauma Center.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by CHP.

See additional photographs on the Santa Barbara City Fire Information Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/santabarbaracityfire?fref=ts>

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